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New NATIONAL Security Group Formed
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Several former national security officials announced the formation Wednesday of another group aimed at developing national strategy.

As ^{the} group held its first meeting, three officials from the Reagan administration attended because "they want to hear from us about our plans," said former Sen. Richard Stone, R-Fla.

Besides Stone, leaders of the new group include former CIA deputy directors Adm. Bobby Inman and Ray Cline; Rep. Mickey Edwards, R-Okla.; and Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer and Adm. Thomas Moorer, both retired chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

At a news conference, both Stone and Cline said they had no specific recommendations for a long-range strategy. Both cited as examples of strategies the former U.S. policies of containment, the 1940s goal of limiting Soviet expansionism, and detente, the decade-old attempt to improve relations with the Soviet Union.

"The problem is that too much of our thinking has been short-range," Stone said. His group's "wealth of experience" could be put to use by policy makers to come up with long-term goals, he said.

"We're trying to grasp what was good about containment and modernize it to the present day," said Cline.

A statement by the group said "few Americans recognize that the United States is the primary target of a hostile Soviet global strategy designed to decrease

U.S. power and influence relative to the power and influence of the Soviet Union."

The goal of the private, non-profit group is to "provide specific details concerning all of the global economic, military, technological and political trends that are running against the United States and concerning which effective national action is urgently needed," the statement said.